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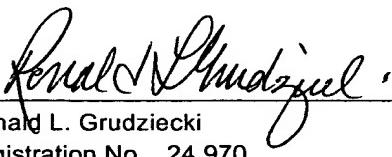
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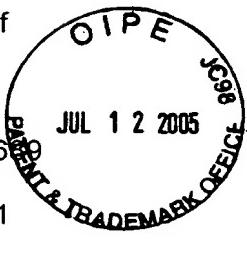
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U.S. Patent No. 5,666,493 was cited in an Official Action for a corresponding European Patent Application. The Official Action is attached hereto. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of the cited U.S. Patent is not enclosed.

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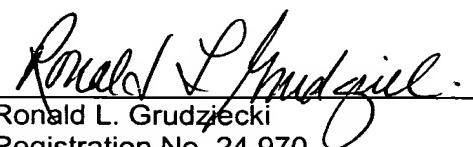
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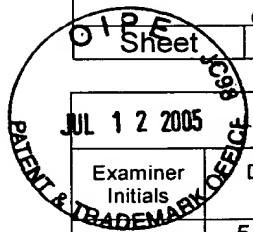
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